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God desires all men to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth...

1 Tim 2:4

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## **THANK YOU!**

We'd like to start this newsletter by saying, "Thank you!", for praying for us and supporting this ministry as we work in Southeast Asia. Our vision remains steadfast: reach the lost with the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ, teach disciples to follow Christ, train leaders to help build God's kingdom, and plant churches to be lights of hope shining in the darkness.

It is a great joy to us to hear testimonies from students, church family and others who have been touched directly through the teaching and ministry we lead, or have been touched by the ministry of our graduates and believers. Now it's your turn to be blessed hearing these good reports.

**Student testimony:** *I was born in a Christian family & born again. I know that God created everything, and Jesus died for mankind. All I knew about the Holy Spirit was, He is for religious people, but not for me. I didn't know about the Baptism of Holy Spirit. I never heard about it. Now I am student of RBTCT and I have completed the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. Rhema teachings completely changed my life. Rhema taught me about the Holy Spirit, and helped me receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, praise God! The Word of God totally changed my life, and now I have the peace of God. I am so excited to be in the Rhema family. I love this thing about Rhema teaching, that they teach according to the whole counsel of the Word of God. I thank God that I heard the true living Word of God and the love of God, which I never heard before in my life. (This is a portion of a longer testimony and has been edited to a summary)*



Another Bible school student we want to tell you about is Miss Nuch. She is using her ability to speak English to **make an opportunity to tell others about God's love** for them and about Jesus the Savior. Miss Nuch, along with Miss Som (an alumna) invite the children to come for a free English lesson every Saturday. They are reaching both children and parents with their outreach; 7 people have received Jesus already! What I love about this story is that Miss Nuch & Miss Som found out what they had that they could give to God, and God is blessing it. You too have something that you can give to God that He can use to bless others.



God has blessed us with co-minister's in Christ who are partnering with us at Rhema Mae Sot. We greatly appreciate Pastor Saengdoh and his wife, who invited our Bible school with 49 students to meet in their church. They are a blessing to us and others who are working together to make Jesus known in and around Mae Sot, Thailand and Myawaddy, Myanmar. Please pray for them as they serve God through their church, daughter churches and mission outreaches.



Thank u Lord for the abundant life... I couldn't ask for more ❤️ I'm so grateful that u answered my prayer and now I have received not only your unfailing love but also the love from the body of Christ! My heart is refilled with love care and kindness. You healed my broken heart. What a wonderful and undescrivable feeling I have right now.

*Testimony from church camp*



## GRADUATES PUTTING THEIR TRAINING TO WORK



All over Thailand, and in all sorts of ministry, our graduates are putting their training to work in service to God. Whether it is teaching children, leading a network of churches, discipling believers to live for the Lord, or working up-country under the mentorship of a pastor - our students are taught to keep learning, and keep serving. They are taught both how to lead and how to work under the guidance of someone else - to faithfully walk out each step of God's plan for their lives.

## CHURCH CAMP 2016 WE COULDN'T HAVE PLANNED IT THIS GOOD!

A week before church camp and when everything was ready & on schedule, our plans and many months of preparation were put on hold. You probably saw the news, the King of Thailand died, and the nation was now in mourning. The government requested all people to show proper decorum by cancelling all celebrations & entertainment events, except that business, educational and religious activities may continue if modified to show respect during the period of mourning. We prayed for wisdom and direction.

Thank God for a great ministry team who transitioned the "camp" to a "seminar". Instead of games and activities to build camaraderie, care group style discussions synergized relationships and unity! Even with the "toned down" ambience, from the start, the anointing and presence of the Holy Spirit touched the crowd of over 200 people.

This church camp was more than an annual event, it was strategic to the new direction we are taking the ministry. "We Are the Body" was framed to motivate and train believers for greater participation and service in their church (3 churches joined in camp this year). At Rhema Bible Church Bangkok, we recently began a ministry outreach called "Changing Thailand" which includes 2 new ministries: "Rhema Care Groups", and "Churches Planting Churches". The church is filled with excitement as people are sharing their faith, people are being saved, and the Body of Christ is growing together in care groups. We have 9 groups now, and more will begin next month.

As for camp, less was more. Some said, it was our best camp ever. Hearts were healed. Lives were changed. Believers are following up on their commitment to serve God and reach their world.